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C A T E C H I S M,

Wherein he examines the Bishops in *England*, with his
Petition to the Queen, for the Magistrates of *Edin-*
burgh. Dedicated to her Majesty the Queen.

Great Madam, may it please your excellent
Majesty, to except of this Catechism: I
know that your Majesty hath Wisdom,
Knowledge and Understanding, to know
the Worth of my Light, otherwise your
Majesty would not have given me two
Guineas for some of my Light, before your Majesty
was set on the Throne, out of your own Hand, and
your Majesty examined me.

Great Madam, I hear that the King is going abroad,
but there is no fear of your Kingdoms, for your Ma-
jesty hath Wisdom to rule State-affairs, and I have
Wisdom to rule Church-affairs, but this you must do,
if we expect to thrive. Your Majesty must put off these
ignorant Bishops, both from their Pensions, and from
their Seats in Parliament, because they have no Com-
mand nor Warrant from the Word of God for it, to
have their Votes in Parliament; so says Christ's Apostles,
it is not Reason that we should leave the Word of God,
and to be taken up with other Business; but we will give
ourselves continually unto Prayer, and to the Mini-
stry of the Word.

Great Madam, ye hear that there is as much Diffe-
rence between Christ's Apostles and the Bishops in
England, as there is between the Shepherd and his
Dog.

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Great Ma'am, separate these ignorant Bishops from the rest of the Parliament, as the Lord commanded *Moses*, let the Earth open her Mouth and swallow them up, and they go down quick into the Pit, as these Priests did we read of; they take too much upon them says *Moses*; these ignorant Clergy takes no more Notice of what I say, no more than I were a Dog barking at them, the Reason of it is, because I am poor; the Poor Man's Wisdom is despised, and his Words are not heard, says *Solomon*.

Great Madam, if your Majesty be not pleased to make me rich, my Wisdom shall be despised to the World's End, because the Scriptures cannot be broken.

Great Madam, I am to ask a Favour of your Majesty, and if your Majesty will not grant it, I shall prophesy that both your Majesty and your Kingdoms shall be in Danger; my Petition is, to be merciful to our Magistrates, and send them Home free, who hath one from *Edinburgh* to *London* to be judged for the Death of a cruel Murderer; if I had Power, I would have killed him presently on the Spot, where he killed these People. I had more Right to do it, than *Phinbeas* had, in killing the Man and the Woman for a lesser Sin. There is no Person that hath common Sense, but knows that the Law of God is before the Law of Man, *Phinbeas* was justified by the great God for so doing, and whom God justifieth, who dare condemn: God sayeth many Times, that a Murderer shall surely be put to Death. How can your Majesty be offended at any for executing God's Laws? So says the Spirit to the King, because thou hast let go out of thy Hand, a Man whom I have appointed for utter Destruction, therefore thy Life shall go for his Life.

Great Madam, it is better for your Majesty that his Life should have gone, than your Majesty's Life, that Man should hung ten Days, for killing ten innocent Persons and wounded others; this is to be regretted and not a Murderer's Death. he was buried as that rich Man was, we read of; who went to Hell; he deserved none; he should hung betwixt *Leith* and *Edinburgh* for an Example; they hang a Man there for killing one Man, he was too much favoured. I told it in my

Twenty first Epistle who it was that hanged him, the Justice General abused me to my Face, because I told

Great Madam, I must not stay to speak to your Majesty, I must go forth from your excellent Presence, and examine your ignorant Bishops, altho' they will not hear me, I must be in my Duty.

O Lord God Almighty bless and preserve the King and the Queen, and all the Royal Family, Amen.

WILLIAM MITCHELL.

Reader, you may know that I wrote my first Catechism this Year, when the hired Clergy and their King assembled together, in the New Kirk of *Edinburgh*, where I asked nine Questions of them; neither their Commissioner nor Moderator were capable to answer any one of them, altho' they bought them from me, altho' all the hired Clergys Wits were in one Man, he would not be capable to answer one of them, according to the Scriptures.

In this second Catechism I must examine all the Bishops in *England*, and all these Hirelings that preaches under them; I shall ask nine Questions of them, I know that there is none of them capable to answer one of them, I have written against the *Pope's* Church, I have written against the *English* Church, I have written against the *Scots* Church, I have written against the Independent Church, I have written against Quakers; there is none of them capable to answer my Books and Epistles. If any Bishop in *England* be capable to answer these nine Questions, which I am to ask off them, I shall be content to be hanged, but if they cannot, every one of the Bishops in *England* and all these Hirelings that preaches under them, deserves to go the Way of Captain *Porteous*; when all these Hireling are hanged under a Lifter's Tree, then all the Kings Subjects shall live like Princes, the King shall have few poor Subjects; we shall also be able to make War against all our Enemies, and then we shall be happy Nations.

Ye may say, what Profession am I of, for I write against all Professions; I say, I am the Voice of one crying *Woe* *Britain*, against an ignorant Clergy, I am a sort of an Independent Whig, and goes and hears them sometimes, but when they pray in their Pulpits, the

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Devil will not suffer the m to lift up their Eyes and Hands to Heaven; if I were praying in such a Pouster, Men that saw me, and did not hear me, might say that I was praying to the Devil; the Spirit commands me to lift up my Heart with my Hands to God in the Heavens. Our great Lord lifted up his Eyes to Heaven, when he prayed for our Example; *Solomon* and *Exra* spread out their Hands, when they prayed for our Example; all that will not follow their Example, are possessed with a dumb Devil, and will not prevail with God, no more than *Israel* prevailed against *Amaleck*, when *Moses* laid down his Hand in Prayer. The Spirit commands us to Worship God with our Bodies, as well as with our Souls. Them that are not able to hold up their Hand in Prayer, they are less able to hold up their Hearts in Prayer; there is none of these Ministers, whose Thighs will go out of Joint by their wrestling in Prayer, as *Jacob* did; our great Lord sweated Blood by his wrestling in Prayer for Belivers: Sometimes I have wrestled in Prayer, that my Head hath been like to rent, because the Kingdom of Heaven suffers Violence, and the Violent must take it by Force Ye hear that there shall be many that seek to enter in, but shall not be able.

The last Time that I was in the Independent Church, in the Time the Minister was reading a Chapter, there comes into it a sturdy Women, she made Din with her Feet, the Minister looked of the Word of God, and he looked to the Women; so says the By-word.

If ye do no ill do no ill like,

If ye steal not my Kaill, break not my Dike.

I write by Experience, as *Solomon* did; many Times by me looking to a Woman, it hath taken away my Heart from good. *Adam* gave them a right Name, by his calling them wo to Man.

Go, go Reader and tell the King to give me the hired Clergys Stpiends in *Scotland* only seven Years, I shall cut the Ground between *Dumbarton* and *Stirling* Brig, and then our Ships should go streight West, from *Leith* to *America*, which is but 12 Miles, and not go two or three hundred Miles, about as they now do, and many a Soul lost by the Way, the hired Clergy will

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not be content with this Proposal, give them there
Stipends they are easy about Souls, then what profit
shall they have, if they should gain the whole World,
and lose their own Souls, as many of these Hirelings
will? They will make Excuses at the great Day, and say,
they preached in thy Name; says our Lord, the Hireling
careth not for the Sheep, then who should care for
them?

Be wise now therefore, O you Kings, be instructed
ye Judges of the Earth, be instructed says God. He doth
not say Yesterday nor to Morrow, but he says (now)
from this Day and Date, give the Hirelings no more
Stipends, for to preach the Devil's Gospel, and if you
will do it, my Books and Epistles shall be Witnesses
enough to condemn you, he that hath an Ear to hear
what the Spirit says to the Churches. I say this to these
hired Churches, what our great Apostle says of them,
that all the hired Clergy in the World, are false A-
postles, deceitful Workers, transforming themselves into
the Apostles of Christ, and no marvel, for Satan him-
self is transformed into an Angel of Light; therefore
it is no great Thing if his Ministers also be transform-
ed, as the Ministers of Righteousness. This Scripture
makes it plain that the Devil keeps Ministers, and also
a Gospel, his Pride will not suffer him to be short of
Christ, so it is no Wonder nor Marvel, that the hired
Clergy be like their Master, so says the Byword, like
Master like Man, like Man like Master; let me see
the Difference that is between the hired Clergy and
the Devil, they are both Deceivers, so says the Spirit
of them; and with all Deceiveableness of Unrighteousness
in them that perish, because they receive not the Love
of the Truth, that they may be saved, for the Love they
have for Money.

I shall show you how you shall know the Ministers
of Christ from the Ministers of the Devil, the Ministers
of Christ says in their Pulpits to their Hearers, ye or
you, the Ministers of the Devil says in their Pulpit to
their Hearers, they or them, the Devil will not suffer
them to speak otherwise, I am not ignorant of his de-
vices, more than *Paul* said he was not; there is a Diffe-
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boleth and Sibboleth, because the *Ephraimites* knew not the Difference, there was many of them killed. These Ministers who know not the difference between these Words ye or you, from these Words they or them, deserves to be killed as they were, because they will not pronounce the Words more than the *Ephraimites* could, so long as *Nathan* the Prophet was preaching to *David* the King of another Man, the Devil will not let him apply to himself, when *Nathan* came Home to the King's Conscience, and said to him, Thou art the Man, this made the King to tremble.

I shall write a Scripture to teach Ministers to preach, therefore let all the House of *Israel* know assuredly that God hath made the same *Jesus*, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. If *Peter* had said they have crucified him, the Devil would have made them believe that *Peter* was speaking of other Men, and not of them; *Peter* preached the Word (ye) and not the Word (they) by his faithful Sermon, they were made to apply it, and were pricked in their Hearts, and cried what shall we doe If *Peter* had preached the Word (they) have crucified him, there would not have been three Thousand converted by that Sermon. When our Lord was pronouncing these Woës against the hired Clergy, he doth not say wo to them, he says wo to you, I say wo to you, for taking so much Money to preach the Devil's Gospel.

I shall show you, how you shall know the Gospel of Christ, from the Gospel of the Devil; the Gospel of Christ is a free Gospel, the Gospel of the Devil is a chargeable Gospel, says *Paul*, when I preach the Gospel, I make the Gospel of Christ without Charge, that I abuse not my Power in the Gospel; this Scripture makes it plain, that a free Gospel is the Gospel of Christ, and a chargeable Gospel is the Gospel of the Devil; Christ hath no other Gospel, but that which is according to his Word, he commands me to beware of false Prophets, which come to you in Sheeps Cloathing, but inwardly are ravening Woölfs, ye shall know them by their fruits saith Christ, that is their Money and the Golden Cup in their Hand, says the Spirit, this blind Generation cannot know them, altho they be like Wolves
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for Greediness, because God hath sent them strong Delusions, they are made to believe a Lie, that they all may be damned who believe not the Truth; ye will not hear the Proclamation of the free Gospel, which is proclaimed through the World, altho' ye be commanded by the Spirit to hearken diligently to it; I shall write a Part of it; there was never a seriouſer Proclamation, three Times he commands us to come to this Market of free Grace, three Times he commands us to hear him, O hear him hired Clergy, when ye hear him crying with a (Ho) ho every one that thirsteth; come ye to the Waters, ye that hath no Money come ye, come ye buy and eat, yea come, buy Wine and Milk, without Money and without Price. Is not this a cheap Market, but these Hirelings make it dear to us, they will not so much as offer to us without a great Price. This Proclamation makes it plain, that all the hired Clergy in the World are the Ministers of the Devil, for they will not Preach Christ's free Gospel, except they get a Price for it. Ye will say, them that serve at the Altar should live by the Altar; I say, they may live upon the Half of what they rob Men of. Our Lord ordains them only their Meet, so he says the Workman is worthy of his Meet. That Hireling who cannot live upon a Thousand Merks a Year, deserves the Gallows that is less than the one Half of the Price they take, which is enough, the Spirit calls them greedy Dogs, which can never have enough. The City hath much need of Money at this Time; there is many poor Inhabitants in it, these Hirelings should give down a Part of their Stipends. Christ says his Yoke is easy, and his Burden light, it is an uneasy Yoke, and a heavy Burden to the poor Inhabitants of *Edinburgh*, the Sogers are sent to rug down their Houses to buy the Hirelings fat Suppers, and go to Bed wanting themselves, as I have done; as Water is free, so should Christ's Gospel be, as this Poclamation makes it plain, Christ says to his Ministers, as ye have freely received, so freely give.

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There is two Gospels, for that *Paul* doubles the Words, so he says if any Man preach any other Gospel than what he preached, let him be accursed, ye hear there is many a Curse on the hired Clergys Head, sa ys

Paul, he preached the Gospel of God freely, altho the said he was in want; when Christ sent out his Ministers to preach his Gospel, he gave them a Command to take no Money for it; these Hirelings will obey the Devil before they obey God; this blind Generation believes they are the Ministers of Christ, they are blind who doth not see them to be the Whore of *Babylon* with a Witness, as I have proven at large in my Books and Epistles, of several Sorts, lying by me, to be sold for little or nothing, the Scriptures is fulfilled in me; so says the Spirit, I will destroy the Wisdom of the Wise, and will bring to nothing the Understanding of the Prudent. Where is the Wise? Where is the Scribe? Where is the Disputer? Let them answer my Books if they can. Hath not God, by me, made foolish the Wisdom of this World, not many wise Men, after the Flesh, not many mighty, not many noble are called; God hath chosen the foolish Things of the World, as I am, to confound the Wise, God hath chosen the weak Things of the World, as I am, to confound the Things that are mighty, and base Things of the World, and Things that are despised. God hath chosen the Reason of it, that none should glory; I cannot win to my Questions for these ignorant Clergy; weep and howl, rich Clergy for your Misery shall come upon you, your Gold and Silver is cankered, and the Roust of them shall witness against you. Ye hear Hirelings in this Scripture, that your Money will condemn you, if no other will, my light is little thought of by many, but it will be thought of; for Judgement I am come to this World, that they which see not might see, and they which see might be made blind. My Books and Epistles will be sad Witnesses against the hired Clergy; so says the Spirit, in the last Days your old Men shall dream Dreams: I dreamed much of these Books and Epistles in the Night, to be a Mean to bring you out of *Babylon* says God, come out of her my People, that ye be not Partakers of her Sins, and receive not of her Plagues, for her Sins hath now reached unto Heaven and God hath now remembred her Iniquities. He that hath an Ear to hear, let him hear. By what hath been said, it is made plain, that the Devil is the God of this World.

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